Village Libraries—propagation of.

57. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state —

(a) how far the propagation of Village Libraries has progressed;

(b) has the Director of Public Instruction decided in which villages he should start Village Libraries this year;

(c) if so, will at least one Village Library be started in the Chalakkudi Constituency?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—(a) 4 new Village Libraries have been started; 3 in 1111 and 1 sanctioned to be opened in 1111 actually started in Kanni 1112.

(b) No.

(c) No assurance can be given.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakudi).*—Did not the Member for Education give a definite promise that one library would be started this year in my constituency? I wanted three.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Mr. President, Sir, I am not sure of any proposals having been made. What I meant was this. Every effort will be made to equip this constituency with a library. Even now, Government are unable to give an assurance. Assurance is as good as giving. Until and unless we get the report of the Inspecting Officers it is not possible to concede which is urgent and which is not.

Grant per pupil—School for the Blind.

58. Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any grant is being given to Cochinites who are receiving tuition at (i) the School for the Deaf and Dumb and (ii) Schools for the Blind at Palamcottah; and if so,

(b) what is the grant that is being given monthly per pupil;

(c) whether there is any school for the Blind in the State; and if so,

(d) what is the monthly grant that is being given per pupil in the school ?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instructicn).*—(a) No grant is given. The Cochinite students studying in the school for the Deaf at Palamcottah are given stipends. No such stipend is given to any pupil at the school for the Blind at Palamcottah.

(b) A stipend of Rs. 6 per pupil per month.

(c) Yes. The school for the Blind at Kunnamkulam.

(4) Rs. 3 per month per pupil.

Mr. K. T. Mathew (*Kunnamkulam*).—Do the Government know whether any fees is being collected from the Cochin students studying in the School for the Deaf at Palamcottah?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Government have no information.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen (*Kattur*).—May I know, Sir, the amounts spent upon the students studying at Palamcottah?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Rs. 6 per pupil.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—How many?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Three or four.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—May I know the amount spent for the blind in the Kunnamkulam School?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Rs. 56 per month (total).

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ *(Ezhuvas North).*— പാലം കോട്ടയിൽ കൊച്ചീക്കാരായ കുരുടന്മാരായ വിദ്യാത്ഥികളുണ്ടോ?

റാവു സാഹിബ്ബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ *(Director of Public Instruction).*— കൊച്ചീക്കാരായ കുരുടന്മാരെ ഇവിടെനിന്നും അയച്ചു തു് ഇവിടെ സ്കൂൾ ഉണ്ടാകുന്നതിനു മുമ്പാണു്. ഇവിടെ സ്കൂൾ ഉണ്ടാകുമ്പോൾ അവർ ഇവിടെത്തന്നെവന്നു പഠിച്ചുകൊള്ളും.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്. പണിക്കർ *(Ezhuvas North).*— ഇപ്പോൾ അവിടെ കൊച്ചീക്കാരായ വിദ്യാത്ഥികൾ ആരെങ്കിലും ഉണ്ടോ?

റാവു സാഹിബ്ബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ *(Director of Public Instruction).*— ഉണ്ടെന്നു തോന്നുന്നില്ല.

Mr. K. T. Mathew (*Kunnamkulam*).—How many classes are there in the School for the blind at Kunnamkulam?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Two.

Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—How many teachers?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—I think there is one.

Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—What is the reason for giving two classes to one teacher?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—It is an aided School and we do allow a kind of half time work in the literary Schools. Here the number of pupils is only 12 and until and unless there is more money forthcoming I don't think it is possible to ask the management to undertake the appointment of an additional teacher.

Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—What is the reason for giving six rupees per pupil in the School for the deaf at Palamcottah and Rs. 3 for the pupils at Kunnamkulam?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—There is the difference between subsidising persons outside the State and persons within the jurisdiction of the State.

Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—Is it the policy of the Government to encourage institutions more outside the State?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—It is not the intention to encourage the institution at all. When there were no similar institutions within the State, certain pupils wanted to study and Government thought that they would be relieved if they were allowed to go to Palamcottah and the management was given an allowance of Rs. 6 per pupil. That is all.

Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—There is a School for the blind in the Cochin State. Do the Government consider it necessary that the grant that is given to the one inside the State and to the one outside the State are put on the same par?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Here again, the Hon'ble Member wants a definite assurance with regard to the amount of grant to be paid. For one thing, we have made no distinction whatsoever in respect of the domiciled pupils in Cochin and those who are outside Cochin.

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In the second place, all that I can do at present on behalf of Government is that the request of the Hon'ble Member will be sympathetically considered.

Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—Will the Government also make enquiry and find out whether the School for the blind would cost more than the School for the deaf?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Certainly, it does cost.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Should we not give some more encouragement to these indigenous institutions?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*—Government have already said that they will do their best to provide additional funds for financing the Schools. It is not possible to do anything in the middle of the year.

Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—When will the Government do?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—In the next budget. That is the usual thing.

Grant-in-aid—Chalakkudi Cosmopolitan Reading Club.

59. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi.)*—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Director of Public Instruction has given the promised grant to the Chalakkudi Cosmopolitan Reading Club, at least now?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—No. For want of funds.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—May I know how long this request for grant was pending before the Government?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—I cannot definitely say how long it has been. I remember in two successive years, I have received petitions. I don't want to be accused of having made any assurance next time. There is already a library there and there is a request for a village library in respect of which I am supposed to have given a definite assurance and which I will try to redeem on behalf of the Government. To aid a library and also to start another is not possible.

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